BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20554

In the Matter of	429 2.7 2.7203
Amendment of Section 73.622(b) of the Rules DTV Table of Allotments/Assignments WANE-TV, Fort Wayne, Indiana))))))))))
To: Chief Policy and Rules Division	LOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

PETITION FOR RULEMAKING

Indiana Broadcasting, LLC, licensee of Station WANE-TV (Facility ID 39270), Channel 15 (DTV Channel 4), Fort Wayne, Indiana, hereby requests that the DTV Table of Allotments/Assignments, Section 73.622 of the Rules, be amended to substitute DTV Channel 31 for the existing DTV Channel 4 allotment/assignment of WANE-TV. Indiana Broadcasting further requests that the Commission temporarily suspend consideration of its pending application for a construction permit for DTV Channel 4 (BPCDT-19991018AAQ) during the requested rulemaking proceeding.

Pursuant to Section 73.622(a), this request to amend the DTV table to change the DTV channel allotment of WANE-TV must be evaluated for technical acceptability under the engineering criteria set forth in Section 73.623(c) of the Rules. As shown in the attached Technical Exhibit prepared by W. Jeffrey Reynolds of du Treil, Lundin & Rackley, Inc., this request complies with the engineering criteria in Section 73.623(c). Specifically, as required by Section 73.623(c)(1), the proposed DTV channel change complies with the principal community

No. of Copies rec'd Of 4 List ABCDE MMB coverage requirements of Section 73.625(a). The proposed change also falls below the two percent/ten percent threshold stated in Section 73.623(c)(2). A separation study, a summary of interference and service, and other relevant technical data are attached.

Thus, Indiana Broadcasting respectfully requests that the Commission issue a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposing to substitute DTV Channel 31 for the DTV Channel 4 existing allotment/assignment of WANE-TV, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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TECHNICAL EXHIBIT
PREPARED IN SUPPORT OF
PETITION FOR RULE MAKING TO
MODIFY THE DTV ALLOTMENT TABLE
STATION WANE-TV
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Technical Summary

This technical narrative and associated exhibits have been prepared on behalf of WANE-TV, Fort Wayne, Indiana, in support of a Petition for Rule Making to modify the DTV allotment of WANE-TV from VHF channel 4 to UHF channel 31.

DTV channel 31 can be substituted and allotted to Fort Wayne, Indiana in compliance with the principle community coverage requirements of Section 73.625(a) at reference coordinates Latitude 41°05′38″, Longitude 85°10′48.¹ In addition, operation on DTV channel 31 appears possible with an effective radiated power (ERP) of up to 750 kW utilizing a nondirectional antenna and an antenna height above average terrain (HAAT) of 253 meters. The proposed channel change is acceptable under the 2 percent criterion for de minimis impact applicable to DTV allotment modifications under Section 73.623(c)(2). Therefore, it is proposed to modify WANE-TV's authorization to specify operation on the alternate DTV channel with the following specifications:

State & City	DTV Channel	DTV ERP (kW)	Antenna HAAT (m)
IN, Fort Wayne	31	750	253

It is also proposed to amend the DTV Table of Allotments, Section 73.622(b) of the Commission's Rules, as follows:

Channel No.

City Present Proposed
Fort Wayne, Indiana 4 31

 $^{^{1}}$ This is the current site of WANE-TV's NTSC operation on channel 15 as well as the site being proposed in WANE-TV's DTV application to implement operation on channel 4.

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Station WANE-TV is currently allotted VHF channel 4 for its DTV operation with an ERP of 1.0 kW and an HAAT of 253 meters. In addition, WANE-TV is also filing an application to implement the channel 4 DTV allotment which specifies a directional antenna maximum ERP of 1.5 kW and an HAAT of 243 meters.

Station WANE-TV proposes to allot UHF channel 31 at Latitude 41°05°38", Longitude 85°10′48". It is proposed to operate with an antenna radiation center height above mean sea level (RCAMSL) of 493 meters, an antenna radiation center height above average terrain of (HAAT) of 253 meters and a nondirectional antenna maximum ERP of 750 kW.

Figure 1 is a DTV channel 31 separation study toward other NTSC and DTV allotments based on a 161 kilometer "buffer". Although the separation requirements are only applicable to new DTV allotments, they can be used as an indication of which stations have the potential of receiving interference from the proposed channel 31 DTV operation.

Figure 2 provides a summary of interference and service for the proposed channel 31 allotment. Determination of interference and service was based on the procedures outlined in OET Bulletin No. 69 and criteria contained in Sections 73.622 and 73.623 of the FCC's rules. It is believed that the proposed channel 31 operation is in full compliance with the FCC's 2%/10% interference criteria. In accordance with

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the FCC Public Notice released August 10, 1998 and entitled "Additional Application Processing Guidelines for Digital Television (DTV)", it is respectfully requested that the Commission review the proposal using a 1 kilometer cell size.

Figure 3 is a map which depicts the 41 dBu, noise limited contour for the proposed channel 31 DTV operation. Also shown are the city limits of Fort Wayne based on 1990 Census data. As indicated, all of Fort Wayne is located within the 41 dBu contour. Therefore, the proposed channel 31 DTV allotment will comply with the city coverage requirements contained in Section 73.625(a). Also shown on Figure 3 is the 64 dBu contour for WANE-TV's currently authorized NTSC channel 15 operation (BLCT-890914KG). As indicated, the proposed channel 31 operation will provide full replication of coverage.

Studies indicate that the proposed channel 31 operation will not result in the displacement of any existing or authorized TV translator or LPTV stations.

As the community of Fort Wayne, Indiana is located within 400 kilometers of the U.S.-Canadian border, concurrence by the Canadian government will likely be required for this proposal. Figure 4 is a tabulation of all Canadian NTSC and DTV allotments on channels 30, 31 and 32 located within 400 km of the proposed site. All the Canadian NTSC and DTV allotments are located at distances greater than the minimum distance set forth in Section D.3 (Proposed Canadian Tables) of the Canadian publication entitled "Digital Television, Service Considerations and Allotment Principles" prepared by the JTCAB Ad Hoc Group on DTV Planning Parameters (January 1997).

Consulting Engineers

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Conclusion

UHF channel 31 can be substituted for the current VHF DTV channel 4 allotment of WANE-TV in compliance with the FCC's rules concerning DTV allotment changes.

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TECHNICAL EXHIBIT PREPARED IN SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR RULE MAKING TO MODIFY THE DTV ALLOTMENT TABLE STATION WANE-TV FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

DTV TO NTSC Separation Study

Job Title : Proposed WANE-DT Separation Buffer 161 km Zone : 1 FCC TV DB Date : 10/01/99 Channel 31 (572-578 MHz) Coordinates : 41-05-38 85-10-48								
Call Status	City C St FCC File No.	hannel Zone	ERP(kW) HAAT(m)	Latitude Bear. Dist. Req. Longitude True (km) (km)				
WNDUTV LIC	SOUTH BEND IN BLCT-2559	16(o) I	3800 DA 326	41-36-20 303.8 103.43 24.1/80.5 86-12-45 22.93 CLEAR				
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LIC	OH BLET-920807KG	I	350	39-43-16 152.4 171.67 24.1/80.5 84-15-00 91.17 CLEAR				
LMRS LAND	DETROIT MI - MOBILE CHANNEL ONLY	16(0)	0	42-19-48 51.4 224.28 0.0 83-02-57 0.00 LMRS				
				42-08-30 62.0 255.83 120.0 82-26-48 135.83 CLEAR				
	LIMA OH - RESTRICTED 19.9 MIL			40-35-18 131.5 84.46 24.1/80.5 84-25-55 3.96 CLOSE				
WXMI APP				42-41-15 350.8 179.41 24.1/80.5 85-31-57 98.91 CLEAR				
WXMI LIC				42-41-15 350.8 179.41 24.1/80.5 85-31-57 98.91 CLEAR				
WNDYTV LIC	MARION IN BLCT-871007KF	23(o) I	5000 DA 295	40-08-57 211.6 122.95 24.1/80.5 85-56-15 42.45 CLEAR				
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				42-42-08 19.3 189.62 24.1/80.5 84-24-51 109.12 CLEAR				
ALLOC.	LAFAYETTE .	*24(o) I	0	40-25-11 243.1 162.98 24.1/80.5 86-53-39 82.48 CLEAR				
				41-40-03 66.7 165.35 24.1/80.5 83-21-22 84.85 CLEAR				

Call Status	City (Channel Zone	ERP(kW) HAAT(m)	Latitude Longitud	e Bear le True	Dist.	Req. (km)
WBGUTV LIC	BOWLING GREEN OH BLET-860808KI CATED FROM CH. 57, I	*27(+)	1000 320	41-08-13	87 0	107.09	24.1/80.5 CLEAR
	ELKHART IN BLCT-881110KC						
WTTE LIC	COLUMBUS OH BLCT-840614KE	28(-) E I	1910 293	40-09-33 82-55-21	117.9	217.40 136.90	24.1/80.5 CLEAR
WTTK LIC	KOKOMO IN BLCT-880523KI						
WTTK CP							
	TOLEDO OH BMLET-971204LC						
WTIU LIC	BLOOMINGTON IN BLET-930910KE	*30(-)	832 216	39-08-32 86-29-43	207.7	244.00 138.00	12.0/106.0 CLEAR
LIC	ANN ARBOR MI BLCT-810116KF STATION AUTHORIZED	I	329	84-04-14		-47.81	SHORT
WPXD CP	ANN ARBOR MI BPCT-971015KE	31(+) I	2880 329	42-22-25 84-04-10	32.6	169.54 -47.76	217.3 SHORT
ALLOC.	NEWARK OH -	*31(-)	0	40-03-35 82-24-15	115.2	261.60 44.30	217.3 CLEAR
WMBDTV LIC	PEORIA IL BLCT-2378	31(+) I	2040 DA 195	40-38-07 89-32-19	263.5	370.98 153.68	217.3 CLEAR
ALLOC.	XENIA OH - FIVE 7-15-88, SITE	I	0	83-32-56		204.52 98.52	12.0/106.0 CLEAR
APP	XENIA OH BPCT-960722KP STS A WAIVER OF FRE	I					
CICOTV32	EWINDSOR ON -	32(+) I	217 214	42-09-09 82-57-05	56.8	219.83 129.83	90.0 CLEAR
WFLD LIC	CHICAGO IL BLCT-830408KG	32(o) I	5000 DA 430	41-53-56 87-37-23	294.6	222.74 116.74	12.0/106.0 CLEAR
WKJGTV LIC	FORT WAYNE IN BLCT-800410KH	33(-) I	589 235	41-05-40 85-10-36	77.5	0.30	24.1/80.5 CLEAR
WNIT	SOUTH BEND IN BLET-910307KE	*34(-) I	1380 246	41-36-59 86-11-43	304.8	102.90	24.1/80.5 CLEAR
	COLUMBUS OH BMLET-851106KE						

Status	City C	Zone	HAAT(m)	Longitude True	(km)	(km)
	LIMA OH BLCT-890519KE	35 (-)	661	40-44-54 113.2	96.28	24.1/80.5
WGVUTV LIC	GRAND RAPIDS MI BMLET-911016KH					
WCPX LIC	CHICAGO IL BLCT-2495	38(-) I	5000 DA 381	41-53-56 294.6 87-37-23	222.74 142.24	24.1/80.5 CLEAR
WFWA LIC	FORT WAYNE IN BLET-920131KF					
WRGTTV LIC	DAYTON OH BMLCT-860915KE					
APP	DAYTON OH BPCT-980617KE DISMISSED 08-17-98;	I	351	84-15-18	90.65	
WHMETV LIC	SOUTH BEND IN BLCT-2590					

^{**} End of TV Separation Study for Channel 31 **

DTV to DTV Separation Study

Zone :	le :Proposed WANE-D7 1 31 (572-578 MHz)		Separation Buffer 161 km FCC DTV DB Date: 12/18/98 Coordinates : 41-05-38 85-10-48				
Status	City Ch St FCC File No. Z	Zone	HAAT(m)	Longitude	True	(km)	(km)
DWSBTTV DTVALT	SOUTH BEND IN			41-37-00 86-13-01			·
DWRGTTV DTVALT	DAYTON . OH			39-43-28 84-15-18			24.0/110.0 CLEAR
DWFLD DTVALT				41-53-56 87-37-23			
	CHICAGO IL BMPCDT-980807KE			41-52-44 87-38-10			
DWKRCTV DTVALT	CINCINNATI OH			39-06-58 84-30-05			

Call Status	City Ch St FCC File No. 2		ERP(kW) HAAT(m)	Latitude Longitude			Req. (km)
WKRC-DT	CINCINNATI	31	800	39-06-59 1	165.1	227.06	196.3
CP	OH BPCDT-980731KF	I	278	84-30-07		30.76	CLEAR
DWJWTV	CLEVELAND	31	937.2	41-21-47	83.0	291.97	196.3
DTVALT	OH	I	305	81-42-58		95.67	CLEAR
WJW-DT	CLEVELAND	31	625	41-21-47	83.0	291.98	196.3
CP	OH BPCDT-980803KX	I	317	81-42-58		95.67	CLEAR
DWNDYTV	MARION	32	260.9	40-08-57	211.6	122.94	24.0/110.0
DTVALT	IN	I	295	85-56-15		12.94	CLOSE

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Interference and Service Summary

I. Interference Caused¹

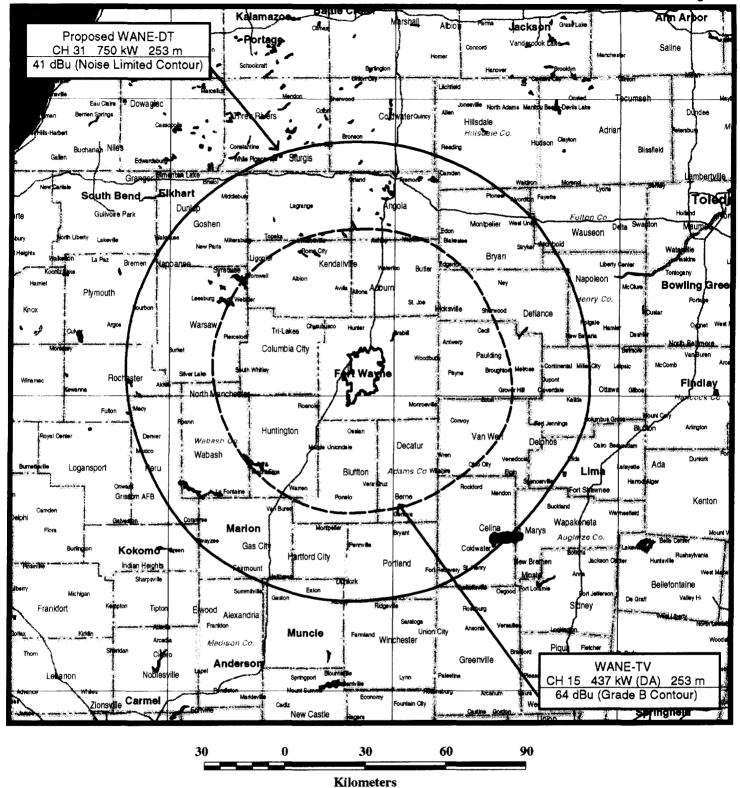
Protected	FCC Service	Interference	Unique Interference
NTSC/DTV Station	Population	Population	Population*
WNDU-TV, NTSC Ch. 16 (License)			
South Bend, IN	1,470,384	3,727 (0.3%)	
WNDU-TV, NTSC Ch. 16 (CP)			
South Bend, IN	1,328,843	3,824 (0.3%)	
WSJV, NTSC Ch. 28			
Elkhart, IN	1,334,588		0 (0.0%)
DWSBT-TV, DIV Ch. 30			
South Bend, IN	1,378,000	27,072 (1.96%)	
WPXD, NTSC Ch. 31 (License)			
Ann Arbor, MI	3,197,953		30,152 (0.9%)
WPXD, NTSC Ch. 31 (CP)			
Ann Arbor, MI	4,392,023		39,061 (0.9%)
DWFLD, DTV Ch. 31 (Allotment)			
Chicago, IL	8,332,000	20,642 (0.2%)	
WFLD-DT, DTV Ch. 31 (CP)			
Chicago, IL	8,301,327	1,910 (0.0%)	
DWKRC-TV, DTV Ch. 31 (Allotment)			
Cleveland, OH	2,800,000		30,606 (1.2%)
DWKRC-TV, DTV Ch. 31 (CP)			1
Cleveland, OH	2,921,758		37,030 (1.3%)
DWJW-TV, DIV Ch. 31 (Allotment)			
Cleveland, OH	3,886,000	1,918 (0.1%)	
WUW-DT, DTV Ch. 31 (CP)			
Cleveland, OH	3,928,463	269 (0.0%)	
DWNDY-TV, DTV Ch. 32			
Marion, IN		1,575 (0.1%)	

*Considers interference "masking" from other MTSC and DTV assignments.

II. Service1

	Population
Within Noise Limited Contour	1,097,209
Not Affected by Terrain Losses	1,096,950
Lost to NTSC Interference	11,935
Lost to DTV Interference	20,933
Total Service	1,064,082

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PREDICTED 41 dBu NOISE-LIMITED COVERAGE CONTOUR

STATION WANE-DT FORT WAYNE, INDIANA CH 31 750 KW 253 M

du Treil, Lundin & Rackley, Inc. Sarasota, Florida

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CANADIAN NTSC/DTV WITHIN STUDY

Job Title :Proposed WANE-DT TV/DTV Within 400.0 km Sorted by Channel FCC TV DB Date : 10/01/99 Channels 30 to 32 Coordinates : 41-05-38 85-10-48

	City State	FCC	File	No.	Channel Zone		Latitude Longitude	_		cance (mile)
CICOTV32	WINDSOF ON	? -			32(+) I	217 214	42-09-09 82-57-05	56.83	219.82	136.62
CICO-TV NTSCC	WINDSOR	}			32		42- 9- 9 82-57- 5	56.83	219.82	136.62

^{**} End of TV Within Study **